



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

Applicant:	<b>Chung-Fan CHIOU</b>	)	
Serial No.	<b>10/071,087</b>	)	Group Art Unit: <b>1634</b>
Filing Date:	<b>February 11, 2002</b>	)	Examiner: <b>Betty J. Forman</b>
For:	<b>NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION DEVICE AND METHOD UTILIZING THE SAME</b>	)	Customer No.
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		)	PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE
Atty. Docket No.	<b>32350-178362</b>	)	

May 14, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20031  
BOX: EXAMINING GROUP

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2003, Applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement by electing Group II, Claims 41-54, drawn to a method of detecting nucleic acids, classified in class 435, subclass 6, with traverse. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider to withdraw the Restriction Order.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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